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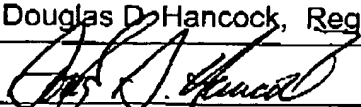
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**Petition to Make Special: Accelerated Examination****37 C.F.R. §1.102(c)**

Sir,

Applicant hereby petitions under 37 C.F.R §1.102(c) for accelerated examination of this application on the basis of Applicant's age. A petition fee is not required for this petition because it is being filed under § 1.102(c).

The Applicant is Robert C. Otterson. As detailed by in the Declaration that is filed herewith in support of this petition, Mr. Otterson is 73 years of age.

The application was filed over 2 years ago. On March 10, 2006 Applicant filed a Status Inquiry letter. In a response from the Patent Office dated March 17, 2006, it was estimated that a first Office action would be received in "approximately 9 months."

Under the circumstances, considering Applicant's age and the considerable delay in examining the application, it is appropriate to accelerate examination in this case and such action is respectfully requested.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,



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## Declaration of Robert C. Otterson

The undersigned Robert C. Otterson states and declares as follows:

1. I am the applicant named in the patent application identified above.
2. I am 73 years of age; my date of birth is July 4, 1932.
3. The undersigned being hereby warned that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. § 1001, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any resulting registration, declares that the facts set forth in this Declaration are true; all statements made of his own knowledge are true; and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true.

Signed at Bend, Oregon this 18 day of April 2006.

  
Robert C. Otterson